



## Executive Officer's Report

### 1. Education Programs Update

	VN Program	PT Program	Totals
#Accredited Programs	183	15	198
#Approved Programs	29	1	30
<b>Total Programs:</b>	<b>212</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>228</b>
#Proposed Programs	71	6	77

- Submission of New Proposals and School Materials for Nursing Education Consultant's Review – The Board asks for your cooperation when submitting new proposals and other materials to your consultant. Please work with your consultant to establish mutually agreeable deadlines.

Due to the present shortage of consultant staff and the imposition of two furlough days per month for most state employees (including Board staff) that began this month, the Board now projects that new proposals may take twelve (12) months or longer for review, depending on the quality and completeness of the proposal.

The Board thanks you for your cooperation and understanding.

### 2. Examination Update – Current Fiscal Year to Date (7/1/08 to 12/31/08)

	VN Program	PT Program
Average Annual Pass Rate for <b>First-Time</b> Graduates	73%	69%
Overall Pass Rate	55%	51%
<b>Total# of First-Time Graduates Tested Year to Date:</b>	<b>3,790</b>	<b>315</b>

### 3. Liaison Activities

- On January 20, 2009, Teresa Bello-Jones, Executive Officer (EO), was keynote speaker at the CSI Career College, Vocational Nursing Graduation and Pinning Ceremony.
- On January 20-22, 2009, Cheryl Anderson, Nursing Education Consultant, attended the NCLEX Examination Committee Meeting in Chicago, IL.
- On January 26-27, 2009, Teresa Bello-Jones, EO, attended the NCSBN Continued Competence Committee Meeting in Chicago, IL.

#### 4. Department of Consumer Affairs (DCA) Updates

- a) Budget Update – The Governor released the Fiscal Year 2009-10 Budget on January 9, 2009, which is posted on the Department of Finance website.

DCA has 24 budget change proposals (BCPs) in the Governor's Budget, including the proposal for the additional costs of fingerprinting existing licensees of the healing arts boards to check for criminal records.

- b) Executive Order S-16-08 – The Governor's Executive Order S-16-08 ordered a mandatory two-day furlough each month for applicable state employees. Accordingly, beginning February 6, 2009, offices are closed the first and third Fridays of each month through June 2010.

#### 5. Fingerprinting and Fees Regulations

On January 9, 2009, the Office of Administrative Law approved the emergency regulations to implement retroactive fingerprinting and a fee increase to obtain the staff and funding needed for this action. Some of the major changes are:

- Fingerprint Authority – For a license that expires on or after **April 1, 2009**, the Board will require LVN's and PT's that were licensed prior to January 1, 1998 or for whom a record of the submission of fingerprints no longer exists, to submit a complete set of fingerprints to the California Department of Justice and the Federal Bureau of Investigations.
- Fee Change – For licenses that expire on or after **July 1, 2009**, the following fees are established:

##### **VN Program**

Biennial Renewal Fee: \$120 to \$150

Delinquency Fee: \$60 to \$75

Initial License Fee: \$120 to \$150

##### **PT Program**

Biennial Renewal Fee: \$200 to \$300

Delinquency Fee: \$100 to \$150

Initial License Fee: \$200 to \$300

#### 6. Customer Service Surveys

The Board is distributing a "Customer Service Survey" (green form) to solicit your feedback regarding how the Board is accomplishing its mission and goals. The information is used to develop the Board's Strategic Plan and is included in the Board's Sunset Review Reports.

Please complete the survey form and leave it on the table at the back of the room. The Board is very interested in obtaining any recommendations you can make regarding improving effectiveness. Thank you.

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